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THE Journal of Free Trade will be published at Three Dollars if not paid within three months, and Four Dollars and Fifty Cents if not paid until after the expiration of the year. No paper discontinued until all arrearages are paid, except at the option of the Editor.

☞ Advertisements inserted at One Dollar per square (12 lines or less, the usual type) for the first insertion, and 25 cents for each continuance. Court advertisements and Sheriffs' Sales charged 25 per cent. higher; and a deduction of 33⅓ per cent. will be made from the regular prices, for advertisements by the year.

AGENTS.

Col. R. H. Cochran, Mecklenburg, N. C.
Chas. W. Davis, Mill Grove, N. C.

WEEKLY ALMANAC.

JULY, 1841.	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	MOON'S PHASES.
8. Thursday,	4 36	7 16	For July, 1841.
9 Friday,	4 36	7 16	h. m.
10 Saturday,	4 37	7	Full 3 1 7 afternoon.
11 Sunday,	4 38	7	Last 11 3 4 afternoon.
12 Monday,	4 39	7	New 19 9 16 morning.
13 Tuesday,	4 39	7	First 27 2 51 morning.
14 Wednesday,	4 40	7	

The Annual Examination

OF the Pupils of the Charlotte Female Academy, will commence at the Presbyterian Church, on Monday, July 26th, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Parents and Guardians and other friends to the Institution, are respectfully invited to attend.

R. D. H. HUTCHISON, Principal.

July 8, 1841. 4t1

Mr. H. contemplating a journey to New York immediately after the close of the Session, requests such as may purpose to trade in town, to call and settle their respective bills for Tuition, the week previous to the Examination.

June 25, 1841. 4t1

Important Sale.

IN pursuance to a Decree issuing from the Court of Equity for Mecklenburg county, in the case of J. R. Williams et al. vs. Wm. Davidson et al., we shall expose to public sale, at the Court House in Charlotte, on Monday, the 12th day of July next, the following property of said Davidson, viz:

Between 50 and 60 Valuable NEGROES,

Amongst which are several excellent Mechanics, Miners, House Servants, &c.

1 Corner Lot and Improvements,

and several unexpired and unimproved Lots in the Town of Charlotte.—One-sixth of Land in the vicinity of Town; an interest in the Lemley's Mines; an interest in a Saw Mill on Sugar Creek, together with

Horses, Wagons, Stock of various kinds,

and other property deemed unnecessary to mention in detail. Terms made known on the day of Sale.

JOS. H. WILSON,
Adms. of W. Morrison, dec'd.
JNO. J. BLACKWOOD,
JAS. W. OSBORNE,
Trustees.

Charlotte, June 15, 1841. 4t1

NOTICE.

WILL be sold by the subscriber, on the premises, on Saturday, the 17th of July next, to the highest bidder, the Plantation where Sarah Haynes, dec'd., lived, lying on Paw Creek and containing 210 acres. Good buildings are on the Plantation.—Terms made known on the day of sale. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, P. M.

DAVID C. HAYNES,
Surviving Executor.

June 21, 1841. 4t1

MARTIN RODDY,

CORNER OF QUEEN & STATE STREETS,
CHARLESTON, S. C.,

HAS on hand an extensive assortment of FOREIGN and DOMESTIC LIQUORS, Native WINES, FRESH TEAS, CORDIALS, &c. &c. consisting of

FRENCH BRANDY. { First Old Cognac and Champaigne, of the most favorite brands.
HOLLAND GIN. { "Hour Glass," "Grape," "Pine Apple" and "Swan," imported direct.
WINES. { Chateau'd Margaux, Sherry, Teneriffe, Claret, Marseilles, Mally and Malaga.
TEAS. { Hyson, Young Hyson, Imperial, Powchong, &c.

Londen and Philadelphia Porter and Ale.
French and Irish Whiskey.
Cordials, Syrups, Sugar, Coffee, &c. &c.

which he offers for sale on accommodating terms.

June 22, 1841. tf4

ATTENTION!

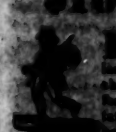
Town Company.

THOSE subject to the Military Duty in the Town Beat, are hereby ordered to appear at the Court House in Charlotte, on the 2d Saturday in July next, at 10 o'clock A. M. armed and equipped, as the law directs, for the purpose of drill and the election of Officers for said Town Company.

By order of
R. W. ALEXANDER, Colonel.

June 2, 1841. 4t1

$10 Reward.



RANAWAY from the subscriber, about the 8th of April last, a negro man named WILL, about 40 years of age, and about 5 feet high. He belongs to the estate of R. W. Davidson, dec'd., and has a wife at Dr. J. H. Gibbon's, and it is expected that he is lurking either in that neighborhood or the neighborhood of Col. E. Brevard in Lincoln county. The above reward will be paid to any one who will apprehend and deliver him to me.

A. BREVARD DAVIDSON.

June 2, 1841. 3t1

BLANK WARRANTS for sale at this OFFICE.

COACH MAKING.

THE subscribers having entered into co-partnership will carry on the above business in all its various branches, at the old stand formerly occupied by Mr. C. Crittenden, opposite the Jail.

☞ ALL WORK WARRANTED.

☞ REPAIRING done at the shortest notice.

CHAS. OVERMAN.
JOSHUA TROTTER.

Charlotte, June 16, 1841. 3tif

WANTED, IMMEDIATELY, two boys from 14 to 16 years of age, as Apprentices to the Tailoring Business.

J. & D. JAMISON.

June 15, 1841. 3tif

Clock & Watch Repairing.

THOS. TROTTER

STILL continues to repair Clocks and Watches in the very best manner, if requested by the owner to do so. He is well supplied with all kinds of Materials. His Shop is in the Jewelry Store of S. P. Alexander, situated South from the Court House, between the "Mansion House" and the "Charlotte Hotel." It will be his earnest desire to do work faithfully so as merit encouragement.

Charlotte, June 9, 1841. 3tif

N. B. His price shall be as moderate as possible, for CASH.

The Old U. States Cap, Stock, Shirt, Linen Collar & Oiled Silk MANUFACTORY.

John M. Davies & Jones,

(SUCCESSORS TO LUKE DAVIES AND SON,)
106 William street, corner of John-street, two doors above their old stand,
NEW YORK.

THE subscribers, thankful for the many favors bestowed on them by the public, hope, by strict attention, to merit a continuance. Having enlarged their warehouse and made arrangements to manufacture articles in their line more largely, they will be enabled to fill the orders of such as will favor them with a call with promptness. They would invite the attention of the merchants to their stock, where they will find articles of every quality and price in their line in greater variety than any other establishment in this city. We shall take much pleasure in showing our goods, and do not doubt being able to sell them on such terms as cannot fail of giving satisfaction, both at wholesale and retail.

Caps.

Gentlemen's Sporting, Travelling, Opera and Dress Caps, youth's, children's and infants, of cloth, satinette, silk, velvet, merino, &c., of all the newest European and American styles. Officers of the Army and Navy furnished with Dress and Undress Caps.

Stocks

Of satin, sewing, velvet, tambouin, grode, &c.; plain, trimmed with bows, with bosoms plaited, &c. Parisian Stocks, a very light and beautiful article, for summer wear, an entire new style—to which J. M. D. & J. would respectfully solicit the attention of their customers. The superiority of our Caps, Stocks, &c. is well established by the constant care taken to render every article perfect and durable.

Shirts

Of linen, muslin, plain and frilled, with linen collars, fronts and wristbands, of the most approved pattern; fancy Cambria Shirts, of French, English and American fabrics.

Linen Collars and Bosoms

Of the finest medium, as well as the inferior qualities, of all the styles now extant. Plain and corded linen bosoms, plain plaited, with ruffles inserted, and with collars attached, &c.

Oiled Silks.

White, plaid and fancy colors. Oiled Silk Aprons for ladies, misses and infants. *Oiled Silk, medicated.*

Patent Leather.

All the different qualities of Patent Leather; Japanned Muslin and Linen, suitable for coach harness makers, and the West India and South American markets.

Under Garments.

Lambs' wool, merino and cotton Shirts, Drawers and Hosiery, of the best English and American manufacture. A superior article of Shaker and other Flannels.

Suspenders.

Of all qualities—gum elastic, silk, cotton, &c.

Gloves of our own Importation.

Superior qualities of black, white, dark and light colored Haskin Gloves; white and colored silk Gloves; buck, beaver and woolen, of the best French and English manufacture &c. &c.

Cravats and Scarfs.

Italian, plain, corded, satin figured, plain satin, figured, corded and fancy Cravats and Scarfs of every description. We are continually receiving new styles of Cravats and Scarfs from London and Paris—so that in looking over our stock, you will always be sure to find the latest patterns.

Cravat Stiffeners

Of all qualities.

Linen Cambric and Silk Pocket Handkerchiefs of the best English and French manufacture.

Cap and Stock manufacturers supplied with all kinds of trimmings, such as Broadcloths, Cap Fronts, Satins, Bombazins, Buckles, Frames, Bindings, &c. &c.

☞ It is our intention that our Stock of Goods, &c. shall present more than ordinary inducements to the purchasers of the above articles.

JOHN M. DAVIES & JONES.
106 William street, corner of John,
May 31, 1841. 3m New York.

Book-Binding.

WILLIAM HUNTER would inform his customers and the public generally, that he still continues the BOOK-BINDING BUSINESS at his old stand, a few doors south-east of the Branch Mint. He will be happy to receive orders in his line, and pledges himself to spare no pains to give complete satisfaction.

☞ Orders left at his Shop, or at the Office of the "Mecklenburg Jeffersonian," will receive immediate attention.

Charlotte, May 3, 1841.

PRESS FOR SALE.

BEING desirous of embarking in another business, I now offer the establishment of the WILMINGTON ADVERTISER, for sale.

I do not know of a more eligible situation for persons desirous of embarking in the printing business, than Wilmington, North Carolina.

Terms accommodating. Application must be post paid.

Our exchange papers will oblige us by copying this advertisement until forbidden.

F. C. HILL.

Wilmington, Nov. 19, 1840.

MILITARY EXECUTIONS for sale at THIS OFFICE.

NEW FIRM.

BETHUNE & JOHNSON

TENDER their services to the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general as

TAILORS.

No exertion shall be wanting on their part to give general satisfaction to those who may favor them with their patronage. All work done in their establishment warranted to be made in the most durable manner and latest fashion.

Good Fits warranted on all occasions.

Charlotte, Sept. 14, 1840. 51tf

A CARD.

DR. DANIEL ASBURY, informs his friends and the public generally, that he has located himself in Charlotte, where he will be happy to attend the calls of those who may be disposed to favor him with their patronage. His Shop is in the Office of the Journal, a few doors South East of the Court House.

Jan. 12, 1841.

Gold Mine for Sale.

THE subscribers offer their valuable Gold Mine for Sale known by the name of Hunter's Mine, five miles North of Charlotte in Mecklenburg County, N. C. For terms apply to the subscriber, living on the premises.

ELAM HUNTER.

Oct. 23, 1840. 5tf

The Farmers' Advocate.

PROSPECTUS FOR VOLUME III.

SINCE closing the 2d volume, an association has been proposed, whereby the services of Mr. W. P. Richards, of Davidson county, N. C., will be procured to assist in the editorial department of the paper, provided a sufficient accession to our present list of subscribers can be obtained, to justify such a measure: in which event, the Advocate, after the fact is ascertained, and the necessary arrangements made, will be published weekly, at Brownsboro, Davidson county, N. C., on a super-royal sheet, for $1 50. But in the meantime, or should the proposed association ultimately fail for want of sufficient encouragement, as above stated, the paper will still be continued semi-monthly on a super-royal sheet, for one dollar, as heretofore.

We would reasonably suppose, that the proposed change from a semi-monthly to a weekly paper would give general satisfaction to all our present subscribers; because, for the small addition of fifty cents, a volume furnishing more than double the amount of reading matter would be secured; or, instead of giving one dollar for a volume of 384 pages, they will receive for one dollar and fifty cents a volume containing 832 pages. And moreover, in addition to the greater quantity of reading matter furnished, we have no doubt that an increased interest would be thus communicated to our paper; as Mr. Richards, besides being a practical farmer, is a gentleman of considerable literary attainments.

In attempting to effect such an arrangement, whether successful or not, the least prejudice or disadvantage cannot possibly result to any of our present subscribers; because, should the attempt prove unsuccessful, the Advocate will continue to be published regularly, as heretofore. If we should succeed in effecting the anticipated change, a material advantage, in our estimation, will be the immediate result; for by the adoption of such measure as it will enable us to carry out, our means for improving the paper,—for rendering it more acceptable, and for giving a greater extent of circulation, and thus making it more permanently useful, will be greatly increased.

No material difference in the design of the paper will take place in consequence of the proposed change; but an inflexible adherence to the interests of the Farmer will still be observed, by using all laudable means calculated to advance a system of general improvement. We hope, fellow-citizens, that you will give us your united support in aiding our efforts to establish on a permanent basis, a paper having for its object the introduction of measures for the enriching of your soil—the improvement of your stock and farm productions—the perfecting of your agricultural and mechanical operations—the advancement of your scientific and literary pursuits, and the promotion of just incentives to virtue; all of which simultaneously centre in one grand purpose—to develope the vast natural resources of our common country for the mutual benefit of all; and thus promote the great design of creation.

As we consider Agriculture and its kindred pursuits, of paramount importance to any other consideration, we design in the first place, to use all laudable exertions in procuring and disseminating practical information, essential to the interests, and calculated to increase the dignity of the Farmer.

Secondly:—*Education*, and the Literary Institutions of the country; also, good literary productions, both original and selected, will receive prompt attention, and a warm and friendly support.

Thirdly:—*Science*, and the *Mechanical Arts*, will also be subjects of discussion, and invariably receive a liberal share of attention.

Fourthly:—Due attention will be paid to subjects calculated to promote the cause of *Virtue* and *Religion*, carefully suppressing every allusion, tending in any way to encourage sectarian prejudices.

Fifthly:—A summary notice will also be taken of passing events of an important and interesting nature, both *Foreign* and *Domestic*; excluding all *political* contests, and subjects calculated to promote *party* animosity.

In short, our whole influence, so far as depends on the success of the Advocate, will be unsparingly exerted in strengthening those pillars on which the prosperity and happiness, both of individuals and nations must be invariably based—the improvement of the soil, and the culture of the mind.

CONDITIONS.

All those who pay in advance, will receive fifty two numbers of sixteen octavo pages each, making in a year, a volume of 832 pages, for $1 50. To clubs forwarding $7 free of postage, five copies will be forwarded; for $10, eight copies; for $15, twelve copies; for $20, eighteen copies; and for $30, thirty copies will be furnished.

If payment be delayed beyond three months after the first number is received, an additional sum of 37½ per cent. will be invariably exacted. The trouble and expense which necessarily attends the collection of small debts at a distance, will render a strict adherence to this rule absolutely necessary.

All letters, communications, &c. to the publishers, must come free from postage, or they cannot be attended to.

No paper will be discontinued until all arrearages are paid, except at our option.

Postmasters, or other gentlemen, disposed to give us their influence, are respectfully requested to act as agents. Address

J. SHERWOOD &
W. P. RICHARDS.

Report of the Secretary of War.

Department of War, May 31, 1841.

SIR: I propose to bring to your notice, at the present time, only such matters confided to the superintendence of the Department of War as from their nature or pressing emergency, or from the general interest they excite, you may deem proper to communicate for the information of Congress and the Public.

Although the inspections directed since the adjournment of Congress have been made with the greatest promptness, and furnish an extensive body of information in regard to the state of the public defences, as well as to the discipline and efficiency of the army, and bear full and satisfactory testimony to the importance of the Inspector's Department, yet, from the limited time allowed, and the immense extent of territory over which the numerous establishments connected with the military service are distributed, the inspections are necessarily incomplete; and it is therefore not designed to notice all the considerations suggested by the information they afford until a future occasion.

In the general condition and disposition of the army there has been no material change since the last annual report from this Department. The regular force stationed in Florida, consisting of eight regiments, and numbering in the aggregate, by the last returns, five thousand and fifty seven, it has been found expedient to continue in service in that Territory.

A few incursions by small detachments of our troops into the fastnesses of the enemy, by which their atrocities have been signally visited upon their own heads, have been the only expeditions to the general cessation of hostilities which took place last fall, soon after the regiments, reinforced by new recruits and provided with every necessary supply, were prepared for active operations; nor have they been renewed since that time. Offers to negotiate from several chiefs, the device by which those crafty warriors have so often baffled our arms at the period most propitious to success, were renewed under such circumstances as induced the commanding general once more to embrace them. The strongest confidence appears to have been felt that, with the aid of a suitable amount of funds applicable to that object, the whole of the hostile bands might soon be persuaded to surrender, and abandon the country. This line of policy, though tardy in its results, continued to hold out such hopes of complete success as to encourage the late Administration in the belief that this protracted war had at last been brought so near a close as to be no longer a subject of particular interest or anxiety. For these reasons it was not thought expedient to check or interrupt the negotiations in progress on the 4th of March last, by directing a different mode of operations. The result, so far, since the negotiations were renewed in the fall, has been the surrender of four hundred and thirty one Indians, including about one hundred warriors, all of whom have been transported to the country assigned to them, west of the Mississippi. Some expectation is still indulged by the officer in command that the remaining bands which have so long infested the upper and northern districts of the peninsula will surrender in a short time; but I regret to state that but little hope can be justly cherished that this unfortunate and wasteful war, which has already cost so great a number of valuable lives, and so many millions of public treasure, will be terminated without still further sacrifices. It appears that, after six months of negotiation, no access has been had to the principal and most powerful chief, or to any of his followers. Directions have accordingly been given for the most energetic and effective prosecution of the war the moment further negotiations shall appear to be useless. Steps have also been taken to increase the efficiency of the means now at the disposal of the officer in command; and, in the mean time, the retrenchment of every expenditure connected with the service, for purposes not essential in Indian warfare, has been earnestly enjoined.

The many weighty considerations which invite the immediate attention of Congress to the subject of the public defences generally, and particularly to the works absolutely necessary to the security of our great commercial emporiums, and the keys to our most valuable resources of every kind, must be so generally understood and appreciated that nothing this Department can urge could add any thing to their force and conclusiveness. To say nothing of the destruction of property, and our weakened condition in a military point of view attendant upon the carrying of any of our most assailable points, the penetration of our territory and the seizure of even one of our strongholds by a powerful enemy upon the sudden outbreak of war, it would seem to be equally the dictate of patriotism and wisdom to make due provision against the infliction of such insults to the national honor and character.

It has been urged as an objection to the further progress of the works heretofore projected for the defence of our extensive sea coast, that the recent experiments in the use of steam power in ocean navigation, and the ready application of the same powerful agent to the defence of our principal harbors, together with the late inventions in the means of increasing the destructiveness of shells, must soon introduce an entire change in the system of coast defence, as well as of maritime war in general. It is true that the mental activity, characteristic of the age in every other art and science, has not been less fruitful in suggesting improvements in the art of war, the value of some of which has already been tested in practice, and doubtless others will, in time, prove equally successful. In no department of public affairs may the natural connexion and dependence between all the sciences and inventions of art be more beneficially illustrated than in the improvement of the means of the national defence. That the cause of humanity will be promoted in proportion as the existing systems and means of defensive warfare are perfected by new improvements, in affording to all nations greater security to the independent enjoyment of their own acquisitions and forms of society and government; in putting the weak upon a more equal footing with the strong; in rendering wars less frequent, and allowing all the arts of peace to flourish in uninterrupted vigor, cannot be doubted. It is a source of much gratification to observe that several gentlemen of high professional distinction in the army are employing themselves in these appropriate studies. But while, in carrying forward the plans devised in former years, due regard should be had to the improvements already introduced in the means of defence, and, as far as practicable, to such modifications as may be rendered necessary by future discoveries, we must take care, by the most efficient application of the means already known as approved, not to lose the advantage of present security.

The army of well authenticated facts and results of past experience, and the sustained reasoning founded upon them, exhibited in the report of the board of officers referred to in the accompanying letter of the Chief of the Corps of Engineers, appear to be conclusive in favor of completing the system of defence therein recommended, so far, at least, as to place the country in what is denominated a *good* state of defensive preparation against any sudden occurrence of war. To this extent the completion of the works heretofore projected may be regarded as indispensable, however defective they may be as a perfect system of national defence. It will be seen from the estimates stated in the report alluded to, that to effect that object will require an appropriation of $9,693,547 upon the fortifications, and $2,493,000 for the armaments; making together the sum of $12,186,547. The obligation of the government to apply this sum to the objects contemplated as speedily as the nature and due permanence of the several constructions will admit, is rendered imperative and absolute by every consideration of public safety and honor.

It is estimated by the Chief Engineer that the sum of $1,435,500 can be judiciously and most beneficially applied upon these essential works of defence during the remainder of the present year, in addition to the appropriations heretofore made for the same objects. The expenditures in this branch of the service have been more considerable in the current quarter than usual, and hence the additional appropriations asked for are larger than they would have been under ordinary circumstances. How this has happened will be explained by the fact that soon after the accession of your immediate and lamented predecessor, all the means at the disposal of this Department were directed to be employed upon the fortifications and other works for the Atlantic frontier, in the manner deemed best calculated to produce the greatest possible efficiency in the shortest time. This course appeared to be called for by the unsettled and threatening aspect of our foreign relations. While the whole of the resources at the disposal of this Department for this service were thus ordered to be applied to such unfinished works as could be made available, in whole or in part, in a reasonable time, it is proper to state, in this connexion, that directions were at the same time given to supply, without delay, the works already completed with their appropriate armament.

The promptitude and liberality with which the Governor of New York and the Commissoner of public lands in that State responded to the recent application of the Department to be put in possession of the works constructed on Staten Island, under the supervision and at the expense of that State, for the defence of the New York harbor, deserve the thanks of the country, and should be further acknowledged by the immediate appropriation of the sum demanded as a compensation for the ground upon which they are situated. The works are regarded as of great importance to the object for which they were designed, and they are now in a course of repair and improvement, under the direction of a competent officer of the corps of engineers. The correspondence between this Department and the Governor of New York, and the report of the Chief Engineer, will show the terms upon which the title to this property will be vested in the United States.

It will be seen from the accompanying report from the Ordnance Department, that some additional appropriations for that service are believed to be important to the public interest. The amount called for is $220,000. The importance of the operations of this Department, and its immediate connexion with the national defence, in providing guns, gun carriages, and other munitions, will at once be perceived.

It is necessary that the attention of Congress should be called to the policy recently adopted in the management of the public armories. The duty of increasing, by every practicable means, the efficiency of these important establishments, not less than a due regard to economy, influenced the Department in giving its sanction to the plan of dispensing with the civil superintendency authorized by law. After full consideration, it was believed that this could be safely and advantageously done. Accordingly, the armories are now in charge of skilful and experienced officers of the Ordnance Department. One defect in the policy of taking superintendents from civil life, as shown by past experience, is the want of the proper qualifications in the persons usually selected. Some degree of science, as well as a practical knowledge in the construction and use of arms, are indispensable requisites in the superintendents. The desired and proper qualifications are rarely to be found united in the same person in civil life, whose services can be commanded by the Government. Another and more serious objection to the system of superintendents heretofore practised, is founded in the defective and inadequate control which the Department has been able to exercise over the superintendents. It has been found impossible, in some instances, to enforce the most salutary regulations. The necessary degree of deference to the orders and wishes of the superior authority, it is manifest, has not been felt. This, probably, is the inevitable result of the nature of the interest and influences, in no manner connected with the objects of these establishments, which too often control the conduct of the superintendents. For these reasons, it is deemed of great importance that the armories should be separated, as far as possible, from all connexion with the party politics of the day. The force of the objections suggested, to a civil superintendence, cannot be better illustrated than by the statements contained in the accompanying memorandum of the Ordnance Department, which appears to be taken chiefly from the correspondence between that Department and the superintendent of the armory at Harper's Ferry.

But the expediency of continuing the superintendency of these officers must finally be decided by Congress. Some hesitation was felt in dropping, temporarily, the civil superintendency; but as neither of the late superintendents, though of much personal worth, was regarded as possessing, in a due degree, those particular qualifications which are important in the management of such establishments, their removal was thought a fit occasion to introduce a new system.—Time has not yet been allowed to test, sufficiently, its advantages or defects. If it shall be the pleasure of Congress to allow the existing vacancies under the law, as it now stands, to continue for a short period, the public interests will be subserved, whatever may be the result of the experiment. If the policy recommended by the Ordnance Department, and so far sanctioned by this Department, shall succeed, it will be well for the public service. If it shall fail, there will no longer be any pretext for future changes; and the Department will look to the selection of the most competent superintendents from the walks of civil life, and to the means of improving the efficiency of these establishment by such new regulations under you direction, as may be suggested by experience.

Additional appropriations, to the amount of $825,647 88, are required by the Pay and Quartermaster's Departments for the service of the present year. The amount asked by the Quartermaster General appears to be indispensable. It is about the sum which Congress at the last session failed to appropriate, though included in the estimates and understood to be in part for arrearages for the year 1840; and a large portion of the present demand may not be improperly set down to the same account. A portion of the sum required by the Pay Department is for arrearages of the year 1840, as will appear from the report of the Paymaster General.

The agents and superintendents heretofore employed in the construction of the various improvements on the lakes, the sea-coast, and in the interior, have been discharged, except such as have been retained at a small compensation, to guard some of the most important works remaining in an unfinished state, and the public property connected with them. In a few instances it has been found expedient to employ an agent to take care of the property of the Government collected for the construction of these works until Congress shall determine upon the question of continuing or abandoning them, where there was no fund out of which they could be paid. Some of these agents have been paid from the proceeds of the sale of a portion of the public property; others can be paid only by further sales, or under an appropriation by Congress. It has also been ascertained that the expenditures upon several of these works have exceeded the appropriations made for their construction. These arrearages are generally due to contractors and laborers in no way responsible for this error; and provision should therefore be made for the payment of them. The amount necessary to discharge them, as well as to pay the expenses of the agents employed as above stated, appears from the report of the Chief of the Corps of Topographical Engineers to be $39,997 12.

The subject of the expediency of completing the Cumberland road, and of improving certain harbors and the navigation of certain great rivers, which may be regarded as necessary and proper in making adequate provision for the public defence, I propose to postpone the further notice of until the stated session of Congress, as the consideration of it will involve the propriety of making appropriations for various works of internal improvement not necessarily connected with that object, and, consequently, will require more time than Congress, at its approaching session, may find it convenient to give.

At the late session of Congress, the sum of $30,000 was appropriated to be expended, under the direction of this Department, in repairing the breach in the Potomac bridge. Soon after the adjournment

...will appear from the report of the Chief of the Corps. The highest confidence being reposed in the correctness of this judgment, it was determined at once to suspend no portion of the money placed at the disposal of the Department for the accomplishment of so important a work upon a plan which did not promise to secure, what was held to be indispensable, its permanence and durability. From the statements contained in the report of Major Turnbull, it is obvious that the repairs, if done upon the plan which formed the basis of the estimate upon which the appropriation was made, could not stand through a single season of freshet or ice. The question was then presented, whether it was proper to commence the repairs upon the only plan which promised the requisite strength and durability, but the cost of which would far exceed the appropriations made by Congress, and which it was known to the Department, was supposed to be ample for the object, or wait the meeting of that body at the approaching session. The great convenience and importance of the bridge at this point, and the strong interest felt by the citizens of this District that the repairs should not be delayed, urged the immediate commencement of the work, whilst its questionable propriety, under the prospect of an immediate session of Congress, decided the Department to postpone further operations until that body should have an opportunity of acting upon the subject. The utility and importance of this bridge not only to the citizens of this city and District, but to the carrying of the public mail, and to the Southern travel at the season of the year when the river is obstructed by ice, are so generally felt and acknowledged, that I need say no more to recommend the additional appropriation required; or that the sanction of Congress be given in some other form, at an early day of the session, to the making of the necessary repairs upon the only safe and durable plan which presents itself.

Another public work of great interest committed to the care of this Department deserves some notice at this time. The sum of $75,000 was appropriated at the late session of Congress for clearing out the Red river raft. The large sums of money heretofore expended on this object, the high expectation indulged after the first successful experiment, of the practicability of effecting it; the subsequent accumulation and continuance of partial obstructions, and the consequent disappointment of the Public, caused the Department to give its early and serious attention to the subject.

Believing that Congress, in making this appropriation, indulged the hope that it would be all that would be required for the completion of the work, the Department resolved that the highest degree of permanency and utility attainable by the use of the means placed at its disposal should be accomplished, directed that an officer of the highest credit for skill and judgment should proceed without delay to ascertain the nature, extent, and cause of the obstructions which interrupt the navigation of that river, and to submit a plan for their removal. That officer has not yet reported to the Department. It is intended that the steam sand snag boats, after being repaired shall ascend the Red river, while it continues to be a navigable state, to the point of obstruction; but it is not designed to enter upon the work until autumn. This policy, as will fully appear from the report of the Chief of the Topographical Engineers, and the accompanying letter of the superintendent, was dictated by a sound economy, if not by the necessity of the case.

A practice has prevailed in the Indian Department of making payments from moneys drawn from the Treasury under appropriations by Congress, without regarding in all cases the objects of the appropriations, as specified in the law.

This practice virtually defeats that provision of the Constitution which declares that no money shall be drawn from the Treasury, except under appropriations by Congress; for the object of this provision must have been, not merely that money shall not be drawn from the Treasury without being duly appropriated, but that it shall be paid only for objects specified in the acts of appropriation.

The practice of making payments under such circumstances—that is, of taking money drawn from the Treasury under an appropriation for one object, and applying it to the payment of accounts, and for objects for which no appropriation has been made, renders the reports of the condition of the Treasury entirely fallacious, and utterly destroys all confidence in them. The true condition of the Treasury, or of its liabilities, is not and cannot be presented under such a practice.

The Indian department has favored itself in the means of practising this irregularity by another usage, directly in contravention of the law of Congress requiring that unexpended balances of appropriations, at the expiration of two years, shall revert to the Treasury. It has been customary, before the expiration of the two years, to withdraw from the Treasury the balances not actually required for disbursement within the specified period; and these balances have been placed in the hands of disbursing agents, forming a very large fund, from which payments have been made from time to time, for objects for which no appropriations have been made by Congress. The amount of funds in the hands of these special agents of the department has ranged, on an average, from two to three hundred thousand dollars for the last seven or eight years; that this has been generally deposited in banks, selected at the discretion of the agent himself.

Under these circumstances the disbursing agents, having received moneys under authorized heads of appropriations, which have been applied to objects not sanctioned by law, have had their accounts brought into such a condition as will not allow of their settlement at the Treasury without special appropriation by Congress; and hence there is no means of ascertaining the amount of the public funds which are thus lying dormant in the hands of agents, subject to the whim, caprice, or convenience of the agent, and not liable to be called for by the Treasury.

As one irregularity is often the parent of another, so, under the usage of the Indian Bureau, by which large amounts of money have been held by disbursing agents, which should have reverted to the Treasury, those agents have had the means of loaning, and have actually loaned large sums, within the last few years, to meet the necessities of the Treasury in other departments of the Government, or other and distinct branches of the Indian Department; and, in this manner, a system of accommodation, has obtained without responsibility, and unknown to the law.

The evils of the practice, the subject of these remarks, will sufficiently appear, when it is considered that they are precisely those which it was the object of the provision in the constitution, prescribing the mode of drawing money from the Treasury, to guard against; and those also which were intended to be counteracted by the law of Congress requiring that unexpended balances shall revert to the Treasury at the expiration of two years.

In the present condition of the accounts of disbursing agents, it is impossible to ascertain the precise amount of payments requiring appropriations by Congress for their final adjustment at the Treasury; but the amount as known, thus far, to exceed $200,000, and it will probably require $250,000, and possibly $300,000.

It would be easy to multiply remarks upon the impropriety of this practice of the department. The objections to it are numerous and weighty; and some of them are founded so deeply in vital principles as to deserve some further notice in this report.

All officers hold their powers in trust under the obligation of fulfilling the objects for which those powers were granted.—Congress is entrusted with the power of granting money for objects to be accomplished by executive agents. If the agents divert the money to other objects there is a breach of trust. But as all the officers of the Government are presumed to have in view the common good, Congress, more or less, relies upon the executive agents to indicate the objects requiring appropriations, with estimates of the amounts necessary for their accomplishment. This confidence in executive agents seems to have been regarded, in some cases, as an implied authority in the agent to undertake objects not yet sanctioned by Congress, the agents looking prospectively for that sanction.—But if this discretion is to be tolerated under any pretence whatever, for objects however apparently needful or important, the checks and guards provided by the constitution and the laws are at once removed, and the most dangerous experiments may be made with the public money, having no higher sanction than the judgment of the heads of departments, while the discretion thus exercised at the fountain is liable to become licentiousness in the subordinate agents, resulting in frauds and defalcations of extraordinary character and magnitude.

The attention of the department has been directed to the subject of Indian treaties, and particularly to the manner in which some of those recently made have been executed, involving the disbursement of large sums of money for the emigration and subsistence of Indians.

The frauds that have been practiced in the Southwest have been to some extent inquired into, but a full disclosure of all the facts has not yet been arrived at. Enough has however, been brought to light to establish a conviction that certain contractors have realized the most enormous profits, the greater portion of which is believed to have been the direct fruit of gross fraud upon the Government or the Indians, practiced by bribing some of the subordinate instruments in the public employment or through the mismanagement of higher public agents, who can only screen themselves from the suspicion of a connivance in the frauds by submitting to the imputation of gross negligence or ignorance, or incompetency in the performance of their duty.

From the involved character of these transactions and the difficulty of procuring full and precise information, it has been found impossible as yet to fix upon the point where these frauds commenced or to ascertain the boundaries of responsibility among the numerous public officers and agents through whose direct and indirect instrumentality, connivance, or ignorance the contractors were able to consummate their unprincipled designs. This investigation has been prosecuted with the most painful reluctance, though persevered in under a paramount sense of duty, and enough has been disclosed to suggest an inquiry whether the guilty recipients may not be compelled to refund their iniquitous gains to the Treasury by process of law.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN BELL.

To the PRESIDENT.

WONDERFUL INDEED.

The following, taken from the 'Easton Gazette,' is certainly astonishing. We heard the following particulars, a few days since, of an almost miraculous transition from disease and infirmity to health and vigor, in the person of Mr. Isaac Newman, of Somerset County, Md. Mr. N. for several years had been confined to his house by severe affliction which disabled him from walking, and from the free use of his arms and neck. On Saturday night last, he was expected to die, but in a few hours became better; on Monday evening, and during the prevalence of a thunder storm, found, when he awoke, that he had the entire use of all his limbs. He arose from his bed, dressed himself and walked about the house. Mr. N. remembers to have experienced a peculiar sensation in his whole system during his sleep, and from all the circumstances no other conclusion can be arrived at, but that the agent of this wonderful cure was electricity. It at least furnishes a subject for much scientific speculation.

I'll make you run if you touch me, as the fire said to the butter.

...of the state of Texas, 1836, in favor of a general banking law, more perfected and enlarged. And also a memorial from the Board of Trade of Baltimore, asking for the establishment of a National Bank.

Mr. Clay, from the select committee to which was referred so much of the President's message as related to the currency, made a report, accompanied by a bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Fiscal Bank of the United States.

Mr. Clay submitted a resolution to the effect that, from and after the 23d instant, the hour of meeting of the Senate be 10 o'clock, instead of 12, as heretofore.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the motion to print 1,500 extra copies of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Calhoun rose and delivered his views on the report.

Mr. Clay made a short rejoinder, and after some further remarks from Messrs. Calhoun, Woodbury, and Clay, the motion to print was carried.

The Senate then proceeded to the discussion of the bill to revive and extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Merrick explained the objects of the bill, and moved certain amendments, which were adopted.

Mr. Allen moved to postpone the bill until the first Monday in December next, on which motion he demanded the yeas and nays.

The debate was continued until after 4 o'clock between Messrs. Allen, Benton, Merrick, Linn, King, and others; without the question having been taken.

The bill granting $25,000 to the widow of the late Gen. Harrison was read a second time, and referred to a select committee.

The Senate then adjourned.

Tuesday, June 22.

Mr. Huntington presented the preamble and resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut in relation to the repeal of the sub-Treasury and the establishment of a National Bank.

Also, in relation to the protective tariff—stating that both justice and sound policy require that discriminating duties should be laid on such foreign commodities as shall come into competition with like commodities in our own country; and that a protective tariff did not require a very high rate of duties.

Also, in relation to the disposal of the public lands—stating that the public domain had been acquired by the common sacrifices and treasure of the people of the several states, is the common property of all; and that the proceeds should be distributed in proportion to the population; and that while they are willing to extend all proper indulgence to the honest and bona fide pre-emptioners, yet they cannot recognize a principle that would throw the lands into the hands of land speculators.

Also, in relation to such an amendment of the Constitution as will restrict the eligibility of the President to a single term.

Mr. H. moved that the resolutions lie on the table and be printed; which motion was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to the discussion of the bill to revive and extend the charters of the District Banks. The motion of Mr. Allen to postpone the bill until the first Monday in December next was negatived—yeas 16, nays 32.

The bill was amended in several particulars, and afterwards ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Wednesday, June 23.

Several memorials were presented in favor of a general bankrupt law.

Mr. Tappan submitted a resolution of inquiry as to the estimated expense of the Senate printing as represented in the bill making appropriations for the present session, which he observed was very nearly equal in amount to the same item in the House.

Mr. Clay said he would obviate the necessity of a formal resolution of inquiry.—The bill making the appropriations for this session of Congress was reported by the committee after due examination, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House furnishing the estimates of stationary and printing for their several Houses. There certainly was a nearer approximation between the printing estimates of the two Houses than he himself had expected; but a little consideration would show that the difference in the numbers of the two houses could not make a corresponding difference in the expense of printing for each. He knew that for some years past there had been a great want of economy in this department of state expenditures; and he was very glad to find Senators on the other side awakening to the necessity of retrenchment and economy. They should have his hearty co-operation. A most important reduction in this item had already been made by the late action of the Senate in reference to the removal of their late Printer and appointment of a new one. By this arrangement twenty per cent. had been saved.

Mr. Tappan withdrew his resolution, the explanations of Mr. Clay and the documents referred to furnishing all the information required.

The bill to revive and extend the charters of the banks of the District of Columbia was taken up for a third reading; but on motion of Mr. Morehead the bill was recommitted, for the purpose of striking out the amendment adopted yesterday, preventing the banks of the District from paying out or loading out the notes of any suspended banks.

An executive session was held, after which the Senate adjourned.

Thursday, June 24.

Mr. Smith, of Indiana, from the committee on the public lands, reported back to the Senate the bill to distribute the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among the several States in just and equitable proportions, and to grant lands to certain States, with several amendments, one of the principal of which is, the in...

Mr. Buchanan's resolutions calling for the causes of those persons removed from office since the 4th of March last, was taken up. The resolution having been read—

Mr. Mangum moved to amend the same by inserting "and also the removals from the 4th of March, 1829, up to the 4th of March, 1841."

Mr. Buchanan made some remarks in support of his resolution, and against the amendment.

Mr. M'Roberts spoke also on the same side.

The morning hour having expired, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill to incorporate the subscribers to the fiscal agent.

Mr. Clay rose and explained the object and bearing of the bill—speaking until near 2 o'clock.

Mr. Calhoun desired that the further consideration be postponed until to-morrow—making a few observations in relation to the feeling of the South in regard to a national Bank.

Mr. Mangum and Mr. Graham controverted the point so far as North Carolina was concerned.

Mr. Calhoun reiterated the sentiment for North Carolina on the authority of a gentleman belonging to that State.

Mr. Graham rejoined.

The consideration of the bill was then postponed.

On motion of Mr. Bayard, the Senate took up the bill granting the sum of $25,000 to the family of the late Gen. Harrison.

Mr. Benton moved to recommit the bill to the select committee, with instructions to report the specific grounds on which the allowance was made.

On this motion a debate ensued which lasted until near 5 o'clock, in which Messrs. Benton, Bayard, Calhoun, Bates, Linn, Walker, Tallmadge, Young, White, Woodbury, Berrien, Archer, Clay of Kentucky, and others participated.

Mr. Benton asked the yeas and nays on the proposition to recommit; which being taken, there were yeas 16, nays 30.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Clay moved that it be read the third time; but Mr. Wright and Mr. Benton objected.

Friday, June 25.

Mr. Berrien, from the committee on the judiciary, reported a bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy in the United States, with an amendment.

Mr. McRoberts resumed his speech commenced yesterday on the resolution of Mr. Buchanan, on the motion to amend, so as to include the removals from 4th March, 1829, to 4th March, 1841, and continued during the morning hour.

The bill to appropriate $25,000 to the family of the late President was read a third time and passed—yeas 28, nays 19.

On motion of Mr. Mangum, the Senate proceeded to the order of the day, being the bill to incorporate a Fiscal Bank of the United States.

Mr. Buchanan said it was his intention to have offered some remarks, but he believed it was understood by his friends on that side of the House that they would let the friends of the bill go on and make it what they wished, and after they had fixed it to suit themselves, he would then proceed to offer briefly his views.

Mr. Clay acquiesced in the suggestion, deeming it the best mode of proceeding.

The bill was then read by sections; and after having been amended in several minor particulars, such as changing the location of one or two of the places where the books of the subscription are to be opened—limiting the number of shares to be subscribed for by any individual, company, or State, to two thousand five hundred—no proxy to give more than three hundred votes—no director to hold his office for more than five years out of six—forbidding any loan to be made on the pledge of any public debt—limiting the sum to be loaned to Government or any State to one million of dollars, unless specially authorized by law—with some other verbal amendments—

Mr. Huntington moved to amend that part of the 19th section forbidding the issuing of any notes of less denomination than ten dollars; and spoke of the conveniences which would result if the limit were reduced to five dollars.

The question being taken on this amendment, it was rejected—yeas 21 nays 26.

The further discussion was then postponed; and the Senate took up the joint resolution from the House of Representatives, in relation to the solemnities to be observed in the removal of the remains of the late President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Bayard, the Senate concurred in the resolution, and a select committee of five was directed to be appointed by the chair on the part of the Senate, to unite with that on the part of the House.

The Senate then adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Saturday, June 19.

Some time was spent on a motion of reference of a memorial of sundry citizens of Pennsylvania on the subject of a tariff; but on motion of Mr. Louis Williams the memorial was finally laid on the table—yeas 130, nays 60.

On motion of Mr. Winthrop,

Resolved, That the committee on commerce consider the expediency of providing, either by a select committee of Congress, sitting in the recess, or by a special commission appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, for taking evidence as the principal ports of entry and elsewhere, as to the operation of the existing system and rates of duty on imports, upon the manufacturing, commercial, and agricultural interests of the country.

Mr. Barnard offered a series of resolutions, which were adopted, referring the various subjects embraced in the President's message to appropriate committees.

Monday, June 21.

Pursuant to its order of a former day, the House met this morning at ten o'clock.

The bill from the Senate, to repeal the ...

...resolution was read by the Speaker.

Mr. Rencher moved to amend the same by striking out the 4th of March, 1829, and inserting the 4th of March, 1841.

Mr. Wise moved to amend the amendment by striking out the 4th of March, 1841, and inserting the 4th of March, 1837.

Mr. Rencher withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Wise's amendment was then rejected—yeas 90, nays 97.

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Mr. Buchanan's resolution was then adopted.

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Mr. Wise

A NATIONAL BANK.

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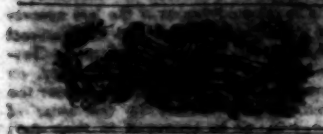

LONG YEARS HAVE PASSED.

Long years have passed, old friend, since we
First met in life's young day;
And friends long loved by thee and me,
Since then have dropped away.
But enough remain to cheer us on,
And kindness with them we've met,
The good we find to the many gone,
And the few scarce left as yet.

Our locks, old friend, are thinly grey,
And cast long wrinkles cold and chill;
While snow, like frosts, paint Autumn's snow,
Across youth's color still.
And so, in our hearts though one by one,
Youth's sunny hopes have set,
Thank heaven, not all their light is gone—
We've more to cheer us yet.

Then here's to thee, old friend, and long
May thou and I thus meet,
To whisper still with wits and song,
The lightest still with sweet.
And still, as death comes stealing on,
Late never, old friend, forget,
Even when we sigh o'er blessings gone,
How many are left us yet.

BLUSH.

What is the flower of fairest dye,
That softly pleasing, strikes the eye?
It is the loveliest female bush,
That modest rose,
Which recommends the lovely blush
On which it grows.
'Tis love's own eloquence, which speaks
Directly to and from the heart,
Portraying on the modest cheeks,
What trembling lips dare not impart.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LAW AND LAUGHING.

"Oh, I am stabb'd with laughter."

The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers.

Law was made to be laughed at. Lawyers are the greatest laughers upon earth; and their extensive practice in this way is all down in the *sleeve*, which was the original cause why counsellors' gowns were furnished with room to slip the head in along with the arm. All men should respect the law, and keep it, also, at a respectable distance. We once heard of a man who lived till he was ninety without ever getting into the law, and he was the merriest old fellow that ever lived. A neighbor started a law suit against him, and the old man died immediately. Law was made to be laughed at; and those who do not laugh with one side of the mouth, will probably sigh the other. It is a very subtle sort of medicine, and "kill or cure" should always be stamped upon the label. There are two sorts of people who can go into law with safety, the man who has nothing to lose and the Sir Giles Overreach, who can fee his judges as well as his lawyers.

"We must not make a scarecrow of the law," nor do we wish to take away a single feather of its dignity, but we recommend to all in need of advice (charging no fee for the same) the ideas of a philosopher whom we heard discoursing yesterday. He stood upon the curb stone embracing an awning post, and contemplating sundry legal geniuses passing in and out of a court of justice opposite.

"There's where I'm lucky," said he, taking an irregular step, and grasping the post more firmly as he came to a stand again. "There's where I'm lucky—ha, ha, ha!—they've never got me into law, and I laugh at 'em all, judges, and juries, and lawyers and clients—*hic*—and plaintiffs, and, that's my philosophy. Now, if that gen—*hic*—tleman with three books under his arm and spectacles on his nose, should come over and request me to favor him with a suit in chancery—ha, ha, ha, ho!—poor devil—*hic*—how I would laugh at him! Philosophy is a great thing—*hic!*—I never was brought up to the bar but once, and then I performed a popular piece of "amorition music" upon my nose with my ten fingers, and politely signified to the judge that he 'could'nt come it'!—Ha, ha, ha, ha! laughing has always seemed to me a more profitable business than fighting—*hic!* When a man's in a passion with you, and wants to go to law, laugh him out of it and he's your friend forever! That's my philosophy—*hic* Law! L-A-W; Law! The glorious uncertainty of the law—*hic!* ha, ha, ha, ha! Now there goes a poor devil into court, looking as melancholy as a mosquito in January. I wonder how much money he has spent getting poor by law! Poor devil! ha, ha, ha—*hic!* I could have settled his business for half the money, and left him twice as well off, too. If they'll admit me to plead at the bar, I'll introduce a new practice and check litigation—*hic*—materially.—I'll—*hic*—I'll—ha, ha—*hic*—teach my clients to laugh at law—they shall always be in such a jolly good humor that law wont be able to touch them with a ten foot pole. They shall assail their opponents with broad grins, and laugh judge and jury out of—*hic*—countenance!"

Our laughing philosopher here went off into an irrepressible fit of cachinnation, and he certainly was the merriest looking genius that has recently fallen under our observation. He tickled us, and we resolved to "hand him down," let his odd philosophy be worth what it may; but it strikes us, if there were more of his way of thinking in the world, there would be less work for the lawyers.—*Pleasure.*

CAN SHE SPIN?

This question was asked by King James 1st when a young girl was presented to him, and the person who introduced her boasted of her proficiency in the ancient languages. "I can assure your Majesty," said he, "that she can both speak and write *Latin, Greek and Hebrew.*". "These are rare attainments for a damsel," said James, "but pray tell me can she spin?"

Many of the young ladies of the present day can boast of their skill in the fine arts and polite accomplishments, in music, painting, dancing, but can they spin? or what is more appropriate to the times and the modern improvements in labor saving machinery, it may be asked can they perform the domestic duties of [illegible] the convenience of a family?

A young lady may be learned in the ancient and modern languages, may have made extraordinary proficiency in every branch of literature; this is all very well, and very creditable, and to a certain class of the community, who are not obliged, as was St. Paul, "to labor with their own hands," is all that is absolutely requisite, but to a much larger portion of the community, it is of far greater consequence to know whether they can spin!

It is of more importance to a young mechanic, or a merchant, or one of any other class of people who depend upon their own industry and exertions, if he marries a wife, to have one who knows how to spin or perform other domestic duties, than one whose knowledge does not extend beyond a proficiency in literature and the fine arts.

It has often been said that the times are strangely altered; and certain it is that the people are. It was once thought honorable to be constantly employed in some useful avocation; but now a days it is thought more honorable to be idle. People complain of the high prices of the necessaries of life, and with much truth. But if the amount of idleness could be calculated accurately throughout the community, allowing the drones half price for their services, which they might perform, and which others are paid for, it might be a safe calculation to estimate it equal to all that is expended for provisions and marketing in the United States. So it is not a little inconsistent to hear parents complain about the price of provisions, while they bring up their daughters to walk the streets and expend money.

Let the fair daughters of our country imitate the industrious matrons of the past. The companions of those who fought in the Revolution were inured to hardships, and accustomed to necessary toil, and thus did they educate their daughters. Health, contentment, and plenty smiled around the family altar. The damsel who understood most thoroughly and economically the management of domestic affairs, and was not afraid to put her hands into the wash-tub, or to "lay hold of the distaff," for fear of destroying their elasticity, and dimming their snowy whiteness, was sought by the young men of those days as a fit companion for life, but in modern times to learn the mysteries of the household would make our fair ones faint away; and to labor comes not in to the code of modern gentility.

Industry and frugality will lead to cheerfulness and contentment, and a contented wife tends greatly to soften the asperities and smooth the rough paths in a man's journey through life. It has been truly said, a pleasant and cheerful wife is the rainbow in the sky, when the husband's mind is tossed with storms and tempests; but a dissatisfied and a fretful wife, in the hour of trouble, is like a thunder cloud, charged with electric fire.—*Boston Transcript.*

A skim milked cheese, with a vengeance.—Up at the west end of the city, there is a good natured, fun making negro, named "Parsis," who hovers round the grocery stores in that neighborhood rather more than is desirable. Like many other gentlemen of color, he prides himself upon the thickness of his skull, and he is always up for a bet upon his butting powers; and well he may be, for his head is hard enough for a battering ram. The other day he made a bet in a store that he could butt in the head of a flour barrel, and he succeded. He then took up a bet to drive it through a very large cheese, which was to be covered with a crash cloth, to keep his wool clear of cheese crumbs. The cheese thus enveloped, was placed in a proper position, and Parsis, started off like a locomotive, buried his head up to his ears in the inviting target. Parsis now began to feel himself irresistible, and talked up "purty considerable." A plan however, was soon contrived to take the conceit out of him.—There being some grindstones in the store for sale, one of them was privately taken up, and wrapped up in the same manner as the cheese had been, and looked precisely as if it were a second cheese, and Parsis readily took another bet for sixpence, that he would put his head through it as easy as he sent it though the first. The interest of the spectators in the operation became intense. Every thing was carefully adjusted, and upon the word being given, Parsis darted off like an arrow at the ambushed grindstone: he struck it fair in the centre, and the next instant lay sprawling in the middle of the floor, upon which he recoiled. For some minutes he had speech less, and then he raised himself slowly upon his knees, and scratching his head, said, with a squirming face,—"Hard cheese, dat, massa. Dey skim de milk too much altogedder before dey make it; dat's a fac."—*Boston Post.*

SMOKING A JUROR.

We have heard of smoking hams, and have often heard folks execrate a smokey chimney but until the present moment, we would not imagine it possible the pyrolignous process could be practically made use of, to opinion a juror. It seems that when the jury in a late important case tried in the Court of General Session, retired they stood about 11 to 1 for acquittal. This one stood "solitary and alone" in his opinion, a refractory and crooked disciple. His companions, vexed at what they deemed his obstinacy, sought out some means of annoying him, and finally discovered that he abominated a cigar. Forthwith each armed himself with a bundle of Havanas, and at it they went, puff, puff, puff, day and night, until the room resembled a den of darkness, and the fog might have been cut down into slices, and put away for domestic consumption. In vain. No. He coughed, swore, begged, entreated, and at length went on his knees to his tormentors. They were inexorable. It was his pleasure to stand out, it was theirs to smoke. Human nature could not stand it. He gave in, and the supposed culprit was acquitted. Truly the old proverb will say'th, "there are more ways of killing a dog than by giving him melted butter.—*Spirit of the Times.*

FARMING.

Can Farming be an Intelligent Pursuit?

The subjects of inquiry and reflection that lie scattered over the farmer's fields, are numerous enough and vast enough to give constant and full employment to the most active and the most comprehensive mind. Each tree and plant, each meadow and each hill, every domestic animal, and every operation upon the farm may furnish food for the intellect. The laws of nature—the rules by which the Invisible ever acts—must be known in part and regarded by every cultivator of the soil. The more fully one understands these laws, the more successful may he be in directing his own labors along their course and making them his successful co-workers in producing an abundant harvest. For instance, should it be true that in every soil of good depth and fertility, each blade of corn will send out its roots at that distance below the surface of the ground which will place them in the temperature and moisture most favorable to their health and to vigorous action, then to avail himself most successfully of nature's aid, whose hoe neither increases nor diminishes their covering. If, in certain lands, those roots cannot find earth that is not more moist than they desire, then he does wisely whose plough opens furrows between the rows by which the superabundant moisture be drawn off. If one infers that his crop, without his help, probably will not mature before frosts of the autumn, then it may be good husbandry to cut the roots of his corn with the plough; check the growth, and hasten the maturity of his crop. He that would be a successful cultivator, must learn at what stage of its growth his crop demands the most nourishment, and must know the degree of fermentation his manure should undergo *before its application*, in order to impart the greatest amount of food in that month in which it is most needed. The points of inquiry and observation are countless in number difficult of solution, and may keep the mind ever on the alert. He who learns most and wisely applies his knowledge, will be the most successful farmer.

We say to all tillers of the soil, observe, compare, reflect, study: become a *thinking class*, for thus you will make your occupation more interesting and profitable.—Even in small matters, thought may be turned to profit. A few years since we were topping turnips by the side of a younger brother. Each had his separate basket, and he would fill his six times to our five. We thought our hands moved as quick as his, and asked why we did not accomplish as much. Watching and comparing movements we soon saw that in the operation upon each turnip we made one which motion he found no occasion for.—A little practice enabled us also to dispense with it and to accomplish the work with greater dispatch.

The time is fast coming when our farmers must look at more intently, and comprehend more clearly, the principles of good husbandry. And we fondly hope that the boys on our farms will be encouraged and aided to inquire into and to master the reasons for every practice upon the homestead. Let them know why the thing is done; why one process is to be preferred to another. Let them ask,—yes, gray haired farmers, even though you may be made to blush because you can give no other reason than that your father always did so, and you have always done so,—yes, let the boys ask; let them learn whether the old mill horse paths in which you and your father have been going round and round for half a century and more, are the best paths. It is only by making the purest more intellectual that you can make the intelligent and inquisitive boy contented with agricultural labors. Thus only can you fit him for successful competition and respectability among those who are fast coming up to take the places which we now fill. Rich treasures of knowledge can be found in the barn, the hog-pen, the manure heap, and in the soil of every field and pasture upon the farm. Let the boys seek for the wealth, and do not forget to join them in the search.—*New Eng. Farmer.*

COLLECTING AND PRESERVING THE DIFFERENT GRASSES.

For a short time past some of the most ardent friends of scientific agriculture, have agitated the subject of collecting specimens of the various grasses of the United States, and designating them by their common names. We presume in giving the common names, the *classes, orders, genera* and *species*, will not be excluded. We see great utility in this, as some of the grasses are known by different names in different sections of country. Timothy, for instance, is to the north called Herds grass; and what we call Herds grass, is there called Red top. Were we to pursue this subject, we might find many similar illustrations; but no farmer of ordinary intelligence, can help seeing the importance of a book on the grasses in which all the species are fully described. One object we have in view in these remarks is, to enquire of Mr. Curtis of Washington, North Carolina, (who first brought the subject before the public,) and others who are taking some interest, if it would not be well to give the appropriate soil to each, the proper cultivation and the relative values of all the varieties? Such a work would be invaluable to the American farmer. There are many grasses in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas, (where our paper circulates most,) not to be found in other States,—these we should be pleased to collect ourselves, and ascertain all in relation to them, that would be valuable to the farmer. What do the people of the south west think of it? If agriculturists would lend their aid, they will much improve themselves in one of the most delightful sciences, and contribute a good deal to the object proposed during the present year. We should be pleased if farmers generally would commence the investigation, so that we shall be ready—*Agriculturist.*

THE BIG HEAD IN THE HORSE.

It is quite strange that the big head is not mentioned by Lawrence or Youatt or any other English work on the horse.—Neither is it known in the northern States, and rarely do we see it at this day in Tennessee. It most usually attacks horses of the south which run at large and get their living pretty much from the woods. We have noticed it more frequently in new countries than else where and without attempting to tell positively its cause, it is certainly true that it is rarely found but in new countries. In Alabama and Mississippi we have seen as many as three horses in a "gang" of ten with the big head.

The disease is a bony enlargement about half way between the eyes and nose. Often its attacks are on the under jaw, causing the bone to enlarge very much. The effects are weak loins, loss of strength and action in the limbs, the creature becomes hidebound, eats with difficulty, and frequently the attack terminates fatally. Occasionally, however, a horse will "breathe," (that is, neither live nor die,) for many years with the disease.

Remedy:—We recollect one case in which a permanent cure was effected by removing the skin from the enlargement and burning with a hot iron. But we have seen other cases of longer continuance which this remedy would do no good. It is said the disease is caused by small blind teeth, if so, the removal of the teeth, with the simple remedy of bathing the head with spirits of turpentine, will effect a cure. If it is not checked in a few months, the bone may be eaten out with most corroding substances—burning or boring we have known resorted to, but all without success.

Will some of our readers in the farther south west inform us if the disease is of as frequent occurrences now as formerly, and if there has been a sovereign remedy found?—*Agriculturist.*

From the Agriculturist.

A CURE FOR THE POLE EVIL AND FISTULA.

Messrs. Editors:—Believing your publication to be the proper place to register any receipt that may in any way benefit the community, I send you the following universal and never failing cure for the Pole Evil and Fistula. I have seen in your paper some remedies for the same complaint. But there is never too much of a good thing, and I am conscious that the annexed will cure when all others have failed.

Take a lump of salt, say as large as an egg, the same size of hard soap; then take a quantity of polk root and boil it separately until it becomes a syrup, (in quantity a pint,) then mix the salt and soap with it so as to make a ball. Wash the place every morning for a week and a cure is effected.

Yours,
E. W. GARDNER.

BUCKWHEAT CAKES.

To make good cakes, the flour must be good; not that coarse black compound, which sometimes passes under the name of buckwheat flour, but which owes its origin to the slovenly gathering of the grain, and imperfect hulling before grinding. Mix a quart of flour with a pint of lukewarm milk, (some prefer water,) add a teacup of yeast, and set it to a warm place to raise. A little experience will teach the housewife so to regulate this pint of yeast and raising as to have cakes at evening for breakfast, and in the morning for supper; for be it remembered, those who have these light cakes for a few meals, will with difficulty come back to cold bread.—When the cakes are light, salt is added, (some put it in at the same making,) and should the cakes sour, a little saleratus dissolved in milk and stirred in will improve them much. A small quantity left in the vessel, a stone pot is best, will serve as yeast for the succeeding mixing. They may be baked or fried; eaten as bread with meat, or with butter and sugar.—*Cultivator.*

THE FARMER.

It does one's heart good to see a merry round faced farmer. So independent, and yet so free from vanity and pride. So rich and yet so industrious; so patient and persevering is his calling: and so kind, sociable and obliging. There are a thousand noble traits about him which light up his character. He is generally hospitable; eat and drink with him, and he won't set a mark on you and swear it out of you with a double compound interest at another time—you are welcome. He will do you a kindness without expecting a return by way of compensation; it is not so with every body.—He is generally more honest and sincere—less disposed to deal in a low and underhand evening than many I could name.—He gives to society its best support—he is the edifice of government and the lord of nature. Look at him in homespun, gentlemen; laugh, if you will—but believe me, he can laugh if he pleases.—*Exc. Paper.*

A CONNECTICUT BLUE LAW.

One of the Connecticut Blue Law acts, published in 1630, reads:

"Be it enacted, That no person under the age of 20, nor any other not already habituated to it, shall use tobacco until he has brought a certificate from a physician, stating that it is necessary for his health, when he shall receive a license from the Court. Those who have already addicted themselves to this obnoxious weed are hereby prohibited from using it in company, at their labor, or on their travels, unless they are at least ten miles from any house; and that only once a day, under a penalty of sixpence for each offence, of which the constables are requested to give information to the District Court. For the fourth breach of the law the offender shall be imprisoned and kept at hard labor for a time specified, when his tongue shall be burnt through with a red hot iron."—*Agriculturist.*

BLANKS

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,
CABARRUS COUNTY.
Superior Court of Law, 1841.

Catharine Pabel } Petition for Divorce.
vs.
George Pabel. }

IN this case, it appearing to my satisfaction, that George Pabel, the defendant, is not an inhabitant of this State. *It is therefore, Ordered*, that publication be made for three months, in the Charlotte Journal printed in Charlotte, that the defendant appear at our next Superior Court of Law, for Cabarrus county, on the 3d Monday in August, 1841, then and there to answer, plead or demur to plaintiff's petition, or Judgment pro confesso will be taken against him.

Witness, A. J. Shankle, Clerk of the Superior Court of Cabarrus county, at Office, this 31st day of May, 1841.

A. J. SHANKLE, *Clerk.*

June 3, 1841. Price adv. $3.0. 3m

INFORMATION WANTED, of *James Garner* of Wake County, North Carolina, who left his wife and four small children in August, 1839, stating that he was going to Guilford County to seek employment, which he obtained from *Mr. Isaac Pitts* of Jamestown, who engaged him in March, 1840, to go to Columbia, South Carolina, to assist in selling a load of Geese or Ribbon. *Mr. Pitts* on his return, tells his family that he left him in Columbia Jail. In January last, young *Mr. Pitts* carries another load of Geese to South Carolina, and whilst there, he hears of *Garner* driving a stage about 100 miles below Columbia.

Said *Garner* is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, light complexion, dark red hair and beard, blue eyes, with a thick upper lip, and inclined to be round shouldered. He cannot read or write, and is very dull of apprehension; he is also very much addicted to using profane language.

Should this meet the eye of any individual who knows any thing concerning *Garner*, they will be doing a humane act by addressing a letter to his distressed wife at Raleigh, N. C.

It is the desire of his affectionate and confidential companion that he should return to her and their four helpless children.

Should it not be *Garner's* wish to see his wife again, it is hoped that he is not so depraved, and lost to all feeling as not to heed the cries of his children who are now suffering for bread.

CINDERELLA GARNER.

Raleigh, May 14th, 1841.

MOFFATT'S Vegetable Life Medicines.

THESE medicines are instituted for their names to their manifest and sensible action in purifying the springs and channels of life, and enduing them with renewed tone and vigor. In many hundred certified cases which have been made public, and in almost every species of disease to which the human frame is liable, the happy effects of MOFFAT'S LIFE PILLS AND PHENIX BITTERS have been gratefully and publicly acknowledged by the persons benefitted, and who were previously conversant with the beautifully philosophical principles upon which they are compounded, and upon which they unexceptionably act.

The LIFE MEDICINES recommend themselves in diseases of every form and description.—Their first operation is to relieve from the coats of the stomach and bowels, the various impurities and crudities constantly settling around them, and to remove the hardened feces which collect in the convolutions of the small intestines. Other medicines only partially cleanse these and leave much collected masses behind as to produce habitual costiveness, with all its train of evils, or sudden diarrhœa, with its imminent dangers. This fact is well known to all regular anatomists, who examine the human bowels after death; and causes the prejudice of these well informed men against quack medicines—or medicines prepared and lauded to the public by ignorant persons. The second effect of the Life Medicines is to cleanse the kidneys and the bladder, and by this means, the liver and the lungs, the healthful action of which entirely depends upon the regularity of the urinary organs. The blood, which gives the red color from the agency of the lungs and lungs before it passes into the heart, being thus purified by them, and nourished by food coming from a clean stomach, courses freely through the veins, renews every part of the system, and triumphantly mounts the banner of health in the blooming cheek.

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THOS. J. HOLTON, Agent.
Charlotte, June 10, 1841.

To the Virginia and United States Public.

THE subscriber proposes, if patronage will warrant the enterprise, to publish in the city of Washington, a Daily Political Journal, to be called the "OBSERVER." If subscriptions shall justify him, his wish is to issue the first number on the first Monday of June next—one week or two at farthest, after the commencement of the Extra Session of Congress.

The Observer, it is presumed, will not criticise freely and unceremoniously the actions of the Federal Government, without "fear, favor or affection." It will look for support to the People, and the People only. Having taken no active part in the election of Gen. Harrison, ardently desiring and confidently believing that he will realize the pledges and justify the sanguine expectations of the American People, I pledge myself to extend to his administration my support. I shall be happy to praise, but not afraid to censure. I have long since promised my conscience never to be a mere sycophant, never to sustain any man or any set of men, against the Constitution of the country. This vow I mean to keep to the best of my ability; so help me God!

If the People will sustain me by their offerings, the terms of some 20 years of editorial experience shall be dedicated diligently and laboriously, to render the Observer worthy of their favor. I promise them, and I will redeem it, that they shall have a political print at Washington, if not able, yet honest, faithful and true to them and the cause of their country, and the rights of the States and of the People. Whether a print is or is not required at the Federal Metropolis, whose interests shall be to the States and not to the general welfare, I leave it to the country to say.

I throw out these preparatory lines, intending in a short time to be more explicit. I wish to ascertain if there exists a disposition to support a paper at Washington which will give a candid support to Gen. Harrison or any other President, while he confines himself to the Constitutional policy of his course, but which will principally be jealous and distrustful of Federal power, and will certainly more prompt to attack its encroachments in favor, but not to the injury of the States or the Government.

As the time is limited, I request those who are disposed to support me in this enterprise, to announce it by letter.

JNO. H. PLEASANTS.
Richmond, March 25th, 1841.

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